

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Ronald A. Katz

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For: METHOD FOR BUYER-SELLER ON-LINE  
COMMERCE

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Via EFS Web  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST TO EXCUSE ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c)**

Dear Sir:

Although status as a small entity was established in good faith, and fees as a small entity were paid in good faith, it was later discovered that such small entity status may have been established in error, in connection with the above identified patent application.

Applicant requests that the above error in small entity status be excused under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c). This request is accompanied by the itemization requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2), as well as the deficiency payment requirement of paragraph (c)(2), of 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c).

## Itemization of the deficiency payment:

Date	Fee Type	Amount Paid	Current Large Entity Fee	Deficiency Due
8/17/1999	Filing fees	\$380.00	\$1,250.00	\$870.00
8/17/1999	26 excess claims	\$234.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,326.00
8/17/1999	multiple dep. Claims	\$130.00	\$450.00	\$320.00
9/21/2000	3 mth extension	\$435.00	\$1,270.00	\$835.00
6/8/2001	3 mth extension	\$445.00	\$1,270.00	\$825.00
6/8/2001	14 excess claims	\$126.00	\$840.00	\$714.00
6/8/2001	RCE	\$355.00	\$930.00	\$575.00
6/8/2001	multiple dep. Claims	\$130.00	\$450.00	N/A (previously paid)
6/8/2001	multiple dep. Claims	\$5.00	\$450.00	N/A (previously paid)
12/27/2001	3 mth extension	\$460.00	\$1,270.00	\$810.00
12/27/2001	RCE	\$370.00	\$930.00	\$560.00
12/27/2001	2 excess claims	\$18.00	\$120.00	\$102.00
8/7/2002	3 mth extension	\$460.00	\$1,270.00	\$810.00
8/7/2002	33 excess claims	\$297.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,683.00
8/7/2002	1 ind. Claim	\$42.00	\$250.00	\$208.00
5/2/2003	3 mth extension	\$465.00	\$1,270.00	\$805.00
5/2/2003	RCE	\$375.00	\$930.00	\$555.00
11/28/2003	3 mth extension	\$475.00	\$1,270.00	\$795.00
9/1/2004	3 mth extension	\$475.00	\$1,270.00	\$795.00
9/1/2004	RCE	\$385.00	\$930.00	\$545.00
7/6/2005	3 mth extension	\$510.00	\$1,270.00	\$760.00
8/29/2005	IDS	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
4/27/2006	3 mth extension	\$510.00	\$1,270.00	\$760.00
2/22/2007	3 mth extension	\$510.00	\$1,270.00	\$760.00
3/27/2007	RCE	\$395.00	\$930.00	\$535.00
11/6/2007	3 mth extension	\$525.00	\$1,270.00	\$875.00
7/30/2008	Notice of Appeal	\$255.00	\$620.00	\$365.00
7/30/2008	3 mth extension	\$525.00	\$1,270.00	\$745.00
3/3/2009	5 mth extension	\$1,175.00	\$2,690.00	\$1,515.00
3/3/2009	Appeal Brief	\$270.00	\$620.00	\$350.00
10/2/2009	5 mth extension	\$1,175.00	\$2,690.00	\$1,515.00
3/5/2010	1 mth extension	\$65.00	\$150.00	\$85.00
10/8/2010	Issue fee	\$755.00	\$1,740.00	\$985.00
10/8/2010	Publication fee	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
10/8/2010	Printed copies	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
12/13/2011	Certificate of Correction	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
				\$22,383.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency owed in the amount of \$22,383.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-2143.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.28(d), please treat this deficiency payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2) as a notification of a loss of entitlement to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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